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TO : ARA - Mr. Mann

Through : MID - Mr. Leddy

FROM : MID - Mr. Fisher

DATE: May 19, 1953

SUBJECT: Investigation of Alleged Arms Acquisition by Zemurray for Overthrow of Guatemalan Government

Mr. Orray Taft, Jr., Office of Munitions Control, called me at 5 p.m. to tell me that he had just received a call from Mr. Emerick, Deputy Commissioner of Customs in Charge of Investigations, who told him that his agents in New York were investigating acquisition of arms by Zemurray for the overthrow of the Guatemalan Government, and that he would supply Mr. Taft with a copy of the report on the investigation. Mr. Taft said he had no other information whatever on the matter and said he would inform me immediately upon learning anything additional. He said he thought Mr. Emerick had mentioned the United Fruit Company along with Zemurray.

I suggest we request further details directly from Mr. Emerick if you see no objection.

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